



The Office of Child Care (OCC) created the National Center on Tribal Child Care Implementation and Innovation (referred to as the National Tribal Center or NTC) to assist tribal grantees in the administration and implementation of CCDF programs.

One of the OCC's priorities is supporting States, Tribes, and Territories in designing child care subsidy programs that are child focused, family friendly, and fair to providers. These child care subsidy programs serve children birth through age twelve through all sectors of the early childhood and school age field. OCC's aim is to integrate child development goals and family self-sufficiency goals in order to promote increased stability and higher quality services that lead to improved child and family outcomes.



NTC assists Indian Tribes and tribal organizations in their efforts to enhance the quality, affordability, and availability of child care by:

- Providing information and technical assistance to tribal CCDF Lead Agencies through a variety of methods, including on-site visits and distance learning
- Developing and disseminating information and technical assistance materials
- Sharing innovative policies and promising practices
- Coordinating, planning, and supporting national and regional tribal child care meetings, institutes, and technical assistance events
- Facilitating skill-building and leadership capacity-building opportunities for Tribal CCDF Administrators
- Partnering with the Office of Child Care's Child Care Technical Assistance Network and other agencies



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NTC is operated through a contract with the Community Development Institute (CDI), a nonprofit organization in Denver, Colorado. Linda Kills Crow (Delaware) serves as the NTC Project Manager. Ms. Kills Crow and her staff have extensive knowledge and experience in tribal child care, as well as a myriad of other tribal programs that support children and families, including Head Start, Indian Education, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), child support enforcement, and Native Employment Works (NEW).



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NTC's content staff each have lead responsibility for coordinating NTC's Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) efforts within specific ACF Office of Child Care regions. While each NTC regional lead will be the primary liaison for the Regional Office staff regarding the planning and implementation of tribal T&TA activities and for on-site TA requests within that region, the assignment of NTC staff and consultants to conduct specific T&TA activities will be based on knowledge and availability, rather than geographic location. Tribal CCDF grantees interested in requesting on-site TA should contact their appropriate Regional Office and/or their NTC regional lead for more information.

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